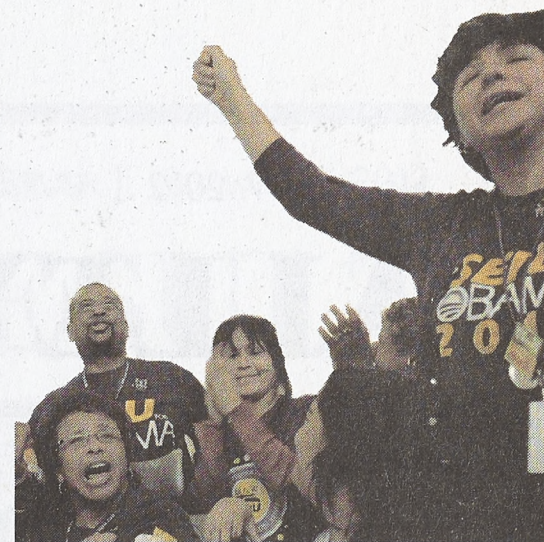


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# BAMA SEIZES WIN

**Obama beats Romney in a surprisingly close contest for the presidency of the United States.**

KEVIN JERSEY  
OPINION EDITOR

President Barack Obama has been elected to a second term in office. After a race that was thought to be neck-and-neck, the president scored a decisive win over challenger Mitt Romney, due in large part to support from women and Latinos.

In a surprising turn, Obama won all of the so-called "swing states." These eight states were highly contested by both candidates, but ultimately seven voted in Obama's favor and he led in the eighth, Florida, as of deadline. After a bitter battle, the president shared his desire to bring the country together.

"We are an American family, and we rise and fall together, as one nation and as one people," said Obama in his victory speech in Chicago. "America has never been about what can be done for us. It's about what can be done by us, together."

Obama's opponent, the former governor of Massachusetts, emerged from a lengthy Republican primary that saw him outlast more than half a dozen other hopefuls. Although support for Romney was initially lukewarm—with polling compiled by the Huffington Post showing a low of 17-percent support among Republicans last September—the party united behind its candidate. Yet, in a race that was not as close as anticipated, Romney fell short.

"I so wish that I had been able to fulfill your hopes to lead the country in a different direction," said Romney in his concession speech to his supporters in Boston. "But, the nation chose another leader. And so, Ann and I join with you to earnestly pray for him and for this great nation."

Latinos and women played a vital role in securing this victory

for the incumbent. Obama was the choice of 55 percent of women voters. He also secured 72 percent of the Latino vote, up from the 67 percent he won in 2008.

California Gov. Jerry Brown spoke to NBC News about this support from Latinos shortly after the election was called for Obama.

"It means something," said Brown. "There are 12 million hard-working immigrants in this country." He credited Obama's support for these immigrants as the reason Latinos voted for him, but acknowledged that more needs to be done to fix the immigration problem, saying, "We've got to make it work."

Romney's camp also acknowledged the part played by Latino voters as the challenger's attempts to woo them ultimately proved unsuccessful.

"We have a Latino problem that cost us a national election," said Time columnist and Republican strategist Mike Murphy.

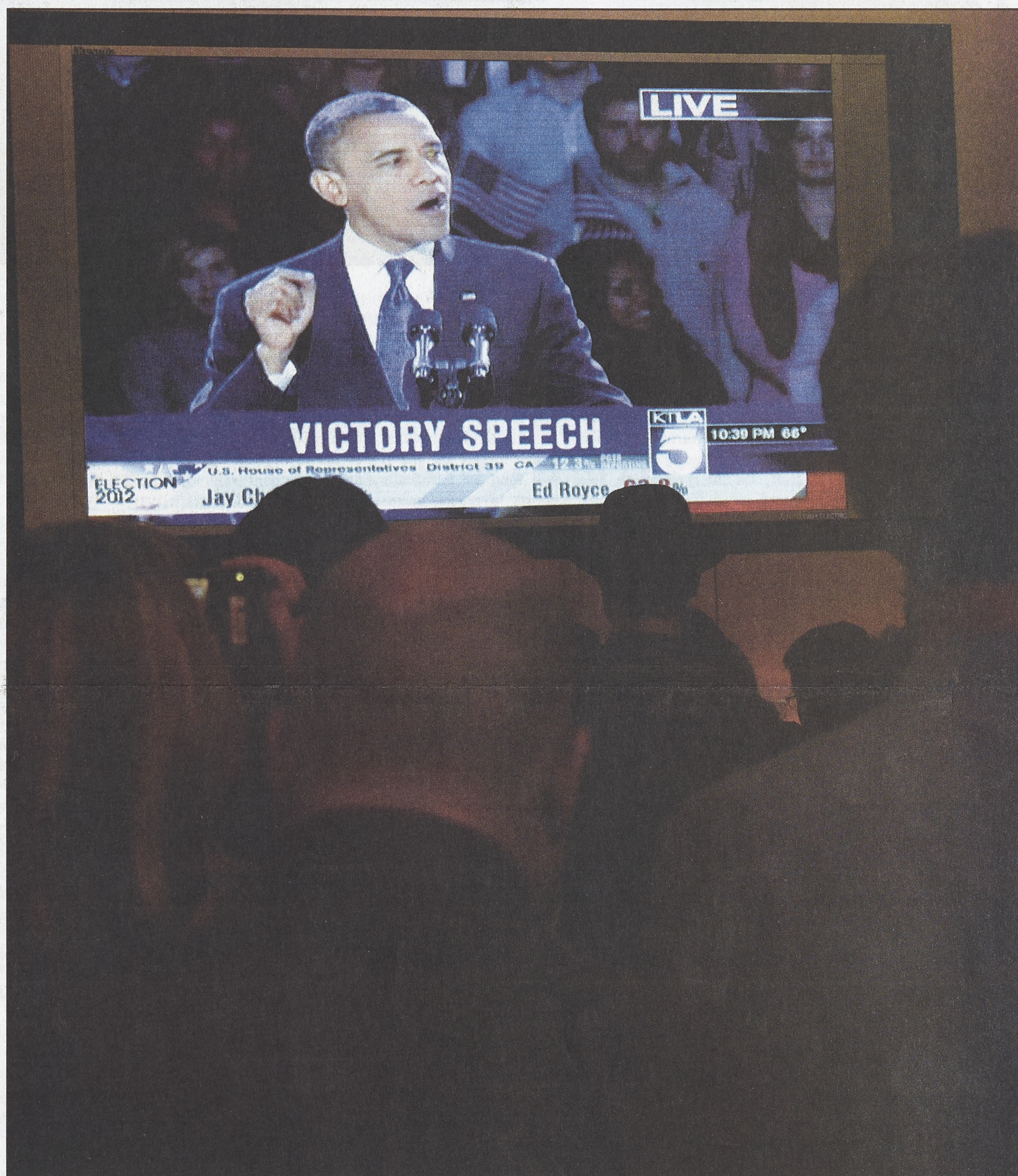
Obama took office in 2009 and inherited a country that was in the midst of a paralyzing economic recession and was deeply divided on issues including health care, taxes, immigration, and rights for women and LGBT people. His actions on these issues drew cheers from supporters and condemnation from his opponents. But, they may also have helped swing women and Latino voters over to his side, helping him secure a second term.

Although the state of the economy dominated the election, each issue gained attention during the campaign, and the different positions of the candidates illustrated the polarization of the electorate.

Obama planned to fix the economy by raising taxes on the wealthy and increasing spending—including funding for education and job-training programs. Although this plan had resulted in 37 consecutive months of job growth, Republicans claimed that the economy was not recovering fast enough.

"Under President Obama, we have a stagnant economy that fosters government dependency,"

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**TWO-TERM PRESIDENT** - President Barack Obama supporters listen intently to the re-election victory speech live from the Los Angeles County Democratic Party's election night event Tuesday at Dodger Stadium. The Obama family entered with Stevie Wonder's "Signed, Sealed, Delivered" in Chicago. He gave his acceptance speech, early Wednesday morning in Chicago, stating, "whether you held a Romney sign or an Obama sign, you made a difference."

## PROP. 30 STILL UNCLEAR FOR STUDENTS

**K-12 schools and colleges could face cuts and more tuition increases.**

DEZIREE MILLER  
STAFF WRITER

Proposition 30, as of 11 p.m. Tuesday, was undecided, with 51 percent of votes supporting the passage after several hours of poll results showing the proposition trailing.

If the proposition fails, California community colleges may face a mid-year \$338-million trigger cut.

The tax initiative, backed by Gov. Jerry Brown and the



**A GUMMER OF HOPE** - As of deadline, proposition 30 has a 50.1 percent of yes votes, according to Secretary of State Debra Bowen's website.

## SHERMAN IS NEW 30TH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN

**Brad Sherman won his position in Congress after defeating Howard Berman.**

ARIEL WAITKUWEIT AND  
ROMEO GONZALEZ  
COPY EDITOR AND SPORTS EDITOR

As of deadline and 0.3 percent of the precincts reported, Congressman Brad Sherman is ahead by 6,242 votes, according to Secretary of State Debra Bowen's website for the new 30th District spot.

According to the Los Angeles Times, Sherman and his opponent together have spent more than \$13 million in campaigning against each other this election, as the com-

petition between both congressmen fighting for the newly merged 27th- and 28th-San Fernando Valley 30th District was considered tense because each Democrat has years of experience to back himself.

Sherman, who has served as a congressman since 1997, can now add two more years of experience to his more-than-15-year record, as the next time representatives can be voted for will not be until November 2014.

As detailed by [www.brad-sherman.house.gov/](http://www.brad-sherman.house.gov/), Sherman has been known for reaching out to his district's constituents, with more than 160 town hall meetings on his record.

"Sherman may be less of a mover in Washington, but he is considerably more visible back

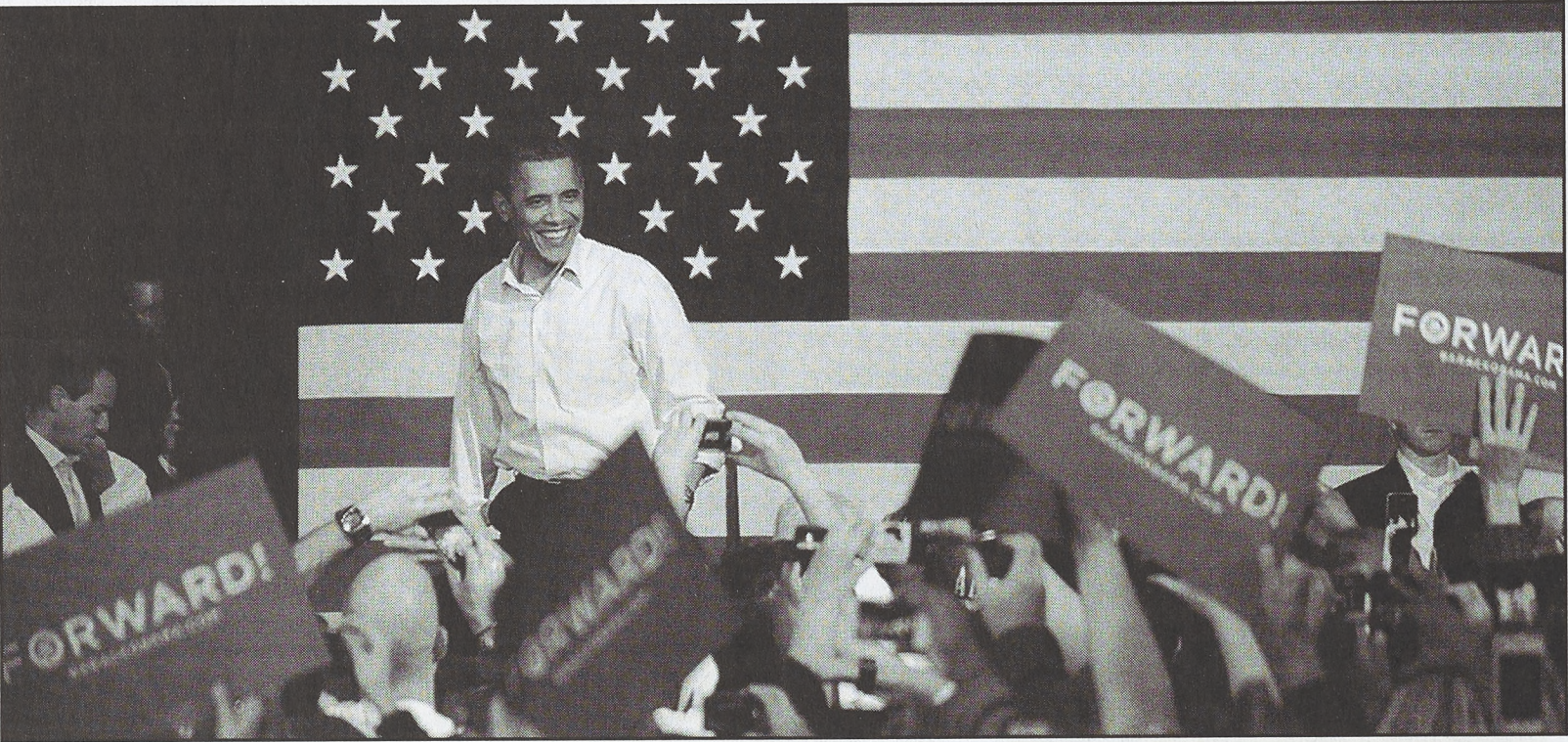
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OPINION

VOTERS GIVE OBAMA SECOND TERM HE DESERVES



PAUL KADZIELSKI | OBAMA FOR AMERICA

The American people can breathe a sigh of relief as President Obama is re-elected.

STAFF EDITORIAL

President Barack Obama has defeated his Republican challenger, Gov. Mitt Romney, in one of the closest presidential elections in history. In the face of economic times that are among the most difficult America has ever seen, Obama has remained a strong, caring leader, which is exactly what the American people can expect from him in

his second term as president of the United States. During the next four years, the president plans to "improve education, manufacturing and energy production, raise taxes on the wealthy to help reduce the deficit and end the war in Afghanistan," said the National Public Radio. Obama understands the difficulties and struggles that America's middle class faces in today's tough economy. Therefore, the first priority of the president is "to push for passage of a debt reduction plan to cut spending and raise

taxes on the nation's highest earners," according to the Washington Times. Taxing the rich will help the economy recover from the terrible state that it is currently in, and it will fund the president's efforts to reduce unemployment. Obama's debt reduction plan "pays for the American Jobs Act and produces a net savings of \$3 trillion-plus over the next decade," the White House said. However, as great as Obama's future plans are, it will be difficult for the newly re-elected president to follow through with

any of his proposals without the support of congressional Republicans. According to the NPR, "the president has been hopeful that the fact of his re-election would make congressional Republicans more amenable to compromise on budget and tax issues, but his recent restatement of principles in those areas has done nothing, as yet, to bring them around." After eight years in office, former President George W. Bush left his successor the responsibility of fixing what many have called the worst economic disaster this coun-

try has faced since the Great Depression. The president has succeeded enormously in recovering and stimulating the country's fortunes while constantly being impeded by the opposing party at every turn. With Republicans maintaining control of the House of Representatives, this battle will likely continue. But, voters have given Obama four more years to build on the progress made during his first term. The American people have made the right choice in electing Obama to a second term in office.

SHERMAN

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home in the district," read an NBC article contrasting the politically similar congressmen in terms of their vicinity-to-Los Angeles focuses, with Berman tending more to foreign policy in Congress than Sherman. Despite this difference and the candidates' vote-off, Sherman and Berman agree on topics such as the environment and economy.

According to www.brad-sherman.com/issues, Sherman supports preserving the environment by expanding Santa Monica Mountains' parklands, a provision that, according to smmc.ca.gov/statutes.html, Berman helped pass under his Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Act from 1979. Regarding the economy, both congressmen seek to protect entertainment industry jobs for the economy's sake. As the new San Fernando Valley 30th District's representa-

tive, Sherman's focus also includes protecting Social Security and Medicare by opposing Republican-dominated "voucher" system proposals. Sherman has helped create the Home Affordable Modification Program, which—as of June 1—serves to help those struggling to pay their mortgage by expanding the eligibility to receive a payment modification. Despite Sherman's reaching out to the public and his work on the HAMP, hot-temperament has also been a staple description of him, with news sources such as Time magazine referring to him as "outgoing," "aggressive" and "tough." During the Oct. 11 debate

against Berman at Pierce College, Sherman placed his arm around his opponent's shoulder, the tension having risen from a DREAM Act topic, according to another L.A. Times article. "Sherman, it seems, took issue with Berman's claim that he helped place the first DREAM Act legislation in 2001," the article read. This outburst, hence, has been a major topic throughout the media, placing the two congressmen's characteristics at the forefront of their public images. Despite the incident, Sherman managed to win over voters. For further information about U.S. House Representative Sherman and how to contact him, visit brad-sherman.house.gov/.

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wrote Romney in a USA Today op-ed. "Right now, our nation's citizens do need help from government. But it is a very different kind of help than what President Obama wants to provide." Romney's plan to speed this recovery was to cut taxes across the board while cutting spending on all non-essential government programs. These plans would have included cuts to FEMA, a position that garnered Romney some unwanted criticism last week in light of the recent devastating hurricane on the East Coast. The candidates stood on opposing sides of the health-care debate, with Romney vowing to repeal Obama's signature health-care law. They also differed in their views of women's health, with Romney seeking to limit the availability of abortions and contraception and vowing to cut funding for Planned Parenthood. Obama, however, supported the availability of these ser-

vices. The president also famously ended the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" program, which prohibited LGBT soldiers from openly serving in the military and voiced his support for same-sex marriage. Romney opposed the rights of LGBT people to serve in the military or marry. Even the election process itself was heated, as allegations of Republican efforts to keep voters away from the polls came to light. Thirty states attempted to pass some form of a voter ID law, which would have potentially disenfranchised millions of minority, student and low-income voters—demographics that traditionally support Democrats. An election cycle that began more than a year ago has finally come to an end. Now, the president can look forward to his next four years in office. "I return to the White House," said Obama, "more determined and more inspired than ever about the work there is to do and the future that lies ahead."

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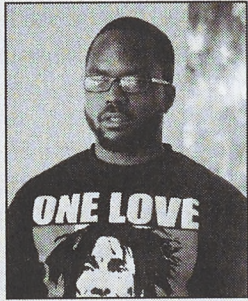
"I voted for Obama because it's about Obama and not your mama. I love this guy and not this Mormon moron Romney."

- IVANA NASIROVA ACCOUNTING



"I voted for Mitt Romney because I think he might be better than Obama for the schools and budgets."

- WISIA PHETRARH DENTISTRY



"I voted for Obama because of his skin color and I like to see a man that looks like me in there."

- ISAIAH DUDLEY UNDECIDED



"I'm voting for Romney because I was raised a conservative Republican."

- FAITH RICHARDS PSYCHOLOGY

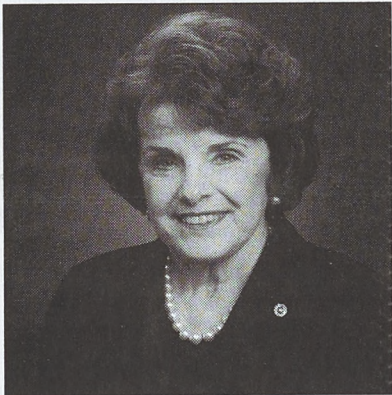
INCUMBENTS COLLECT TERMS

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein and Assemblyman Mike Gatto saw wins.

AL MASCAREÑAS STAFF WRITER

FEINSTEIN

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein has been elected to another six-year term, defeating Republican candidate, autism activist Elizabeth Emken. Following the assassination of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk in 1978, Feinstein rose to prominence as acting mayor and earned praise for her leadership in the aftermath of an event that traumatized the city. When the killings occurred, Feinstein, who had served eight years on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, was within a half-hour of announcing the end of her political career, but the events changed her professional trajectory. The following year, she won re-election to the



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office of mayor and served two full terms until 1988. In 1992, Feinstein won the Senate seat in a special election for a partial two-year term and has now won four consecutive bids for full terms. During her 20 years as California's senior senator, the Stanford alumna has risen to become the first female chair of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, which oversees the Central Intelligence Agency and 15 other intelligence agencies. She also serves as the chair of the International Narcotics Control Caucus, a position

she assumed after Joe Biden's term. Feinstein's accomplishments include additional gun safety measures, new national California assault weapons ban, and her role in the 43rd District, College of the Siskiyout, and her role in the 43rd District, College of the Siskiyout, and her role in the 43rd District, College of the Siskiyout.

OUTCOME OF PROPOSITION STATE MEASURES

PROPOSITION 30: YES, AS OF EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING	PROPOSITION 34: NO
PROPOSITION 31: NO	PROPOSITION 35: YES
PROPOSITION 32: NO	PROPOSITION 36: YES
PROPOSITION 33: NO	PROPOSITION 37: NO
	PROPOSITION 38: NO

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# SOUNDS OFF ON ELECTION RESULTS

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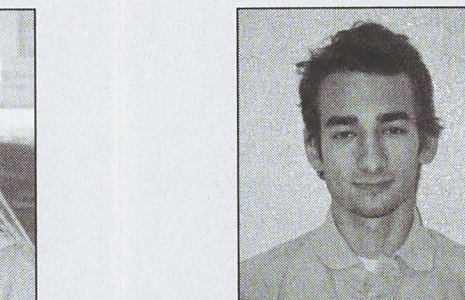
"I voted for Obama because I thought he was the lesser of two evils."

- ABRAHAM AVILA JR.  
COMPUTER SCIENCE



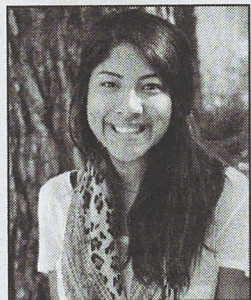
"Romney is taking away the women's rights, and as a woman, I don't feel that's right ... so I voted for Obama."

- ALEXIA JOHNSON  
SOCIOLOGY



"I voted for Barack Obama because I believe he is an honest man ... and he is not a self-centered pig."

- HRISTO IVANOV  
LAW



"I voted for Obama because I think he believes in a lot of the same things that I believe in, which is equality for everybody."

- NATALIE JOHNSON  
NURSING

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she assumed after its previous chair, Joe Biden, became vice president.

Among her legislative accomplishments are bills funding 10,200 additional police officers, advocating guns-free schools, creating three new national parks in southeast California desert areas and banning assault weapons.

### GATTO

Assemblyman Mike Gatto is favored with 60 percent of the vote for re-election to the 43rd Assembly District, which includes Valley College and surrounding neighborhoods.

Assemblyman Gatto who was first elected in 2010, has been elected to his second two-year term to the 43rd District of the California State Assembly.

The son of a public school teacher and grandson of a steelworker and immigrant, Gatto was raised in the 43rd District, which spans east from Valley Glen to Burbank and Glendale and south to Silver Lake and Los Feliz. The 38-year-old earned a bachelor's degree in history from UCLA and graduated magna

cum laude from Loyola Law School.

Gatto has gained popularity on both sides of the party lines. Two weeks ago, the Sacramento Bee named Gatto the second most independent thinker in the state legislature.

His achievements include legislation allowing motorists to show proof of insurance on their smart phones, extending the film tax credit and promoting small businesses by legalizing the sale of homemade foods.

Gatto's current efforts include creating green jobs, cutting government spending, establishing a rainy-day fund for bad economic times and

## PROP. 30

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California Teachers Association, would have generated \$6 billion over the next seven years by increasing the income tax for individuals earning more than \$250,000 and couples making more than \$500,000 as well as increasing the sales tax by a quarter percent, from 7.25 to 7.5.

Proponents claimed that the money generated by the proposition would have prevented community colleges from facing a "trigger cut" of \$338 million in the middle of the 2012/2013 academic year.

"I think it's a well-balanced program, and at the end of the day, people will see that," Brown said Tuesday during an NBC interview. "I feel confident this vote will be in the positive column."

Opponents of the proposition, namely the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, claim that the proposition is just a "shell game" that used the trigger cuts as an empty threat to incite people to vote "yes" on the initiative.

In the official voter guide, the argument against the proposi-

tion argues, "the governor, politicians and special interests behind Proposition 30 threaten voters. They say 'vote for our massive tax increase or we'll take it out on schools,' but at the same time, they refuse to reform the education or pension systems to save money."

Jin Ong, the political commissioner of the Associated Student Union, supported the proposition because it takes some of the burden off of community colleges.

"The proposition [will not prevent] anything. It only fills in the empty pot within the education system," said Ong, "Where do the college funds come from? [They come] from property taxes. What happened to the property market? It crashed, ridiculously."

Community colleges have yet to see whether they will face the \$388-million cut. State and community college budgets have been cut by roughly \$809 million—or 25 percent—since Brown took office in 2009.

"[We will have] to make \$4 million in additional cuts," said Sue Carleo, "[and will have to] eliminate winter session and cut a large number of classes planned for the spring semester."

## CALIFORNIA VOTERS REJECTED PROP. 32, PROP. 37

### Controversial Prop. 32 was rejected by XX for the state of California.

JHANELLE RIVERA  
STAFF WRITER

Proposition 32, also known as the "Stop Special Interest Money Act," has been rejected by California voters. This will allow unions and corporations to continue using contributions taken through payroll deductions for political purposes.

By voting no on Proposition 32, Californians have chosen not to change the existing law, which allows unions to support politicians and causes that benefit their members using union dues. This enables them to compete with the spending by corporations and political groups.

"It tries to silence the voice of one side while expanding the other," said Linda Phillips, a representative from the League of Women Voters, in the Santa Barbara Independent. "It's not fair or balanced and does nothing to stop huge amounts of money from going into campaigns."

Supporters of the proposition argued that it was necessary to limit political spending and that unions should not be able to use contributions from their members without their written permission. They also said that by limiting the ability of corporations to use payroll deduc-

tions for political contributions, a level playing field would be maintained.

"The bulk of the financial backing for Prop. 32 has come from conservative ideologues who have made no secret of their desire to tamp down the clout of labor unions," wrote the San Francisco Chronicle.

A group linked to the billionaire Koch brothers just poured \$4 million into a committee just formed to help pass Prop. 32."

Opponents think that the proposition was misleading but would do nothing to end rampant spending by groups including "Super PACs," which can raise limitless amounts of money from corporate special interests, and would not have been restricted by the proposed law. Since almost none of their funds come from corporate payroll deductions, these groups would have been given a tremendous advantage over unions in their ability to support their preferred politicians or causes.

According to No on 32 Stop The Special Exemption Act campaign, the current system has its flaws, but it does allow teachers, firefighters, police and numerous other union groups to compete politically with their far wealthier corporate opponents.

Californians rejected the proposition on Election Day, allowing unions and corporations the ability to withhold money from an employee's paycheck in use of politicians' purposes.

## PROP. 30 BREAKDOWN

According to Valley College President Sue Carleo, Proposition 30 would give Valley the following:

- THE CONTINUOUS BUDGET CUTS THAT VALLEY HAS FACED FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS MAY HALT IF THE PROPOSITION PASSES.
- A SMALL WINTER SESSION WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED, AND FEWER CLASSES WOULD BE CUT FOR THE SPRING SEMSTER.

- \$4 MILLION IN CUTS WOULD NOT OCCUR, HELPING PREVENT LAYOFFS AND PRICE INCREASES TO BALANCE THE BUDGET IF THE LEGISLATION PASSES.
- SUMMER SESSION IS YET TO BE DETERMINED.

### California law will not require foods containing genetically modified organisms to be labeled.

JULIO FLORES AND  
ASHLEY GOOSSEN  
STAFF WRITERS

Voters have rejected Proposition 37 as of midnight Wednesday, which would have required any food sold in California containing genetically modified organisms, otherwise known as GMOs, to have a label stating so.

The initiative, backed by the organic food industry, "would have required that fresh produce and packaged foods be labeled if they contain or might contain ingredients that had been genetically altered in a laboratory," according to the Los Angeles Times.

A growingly controversial topic, GMOs are plant or meat products that have had their DNA manipulated in a lab with genes from other animals or plants. These genes are used to produce foreign mixtures in food.

While the American Association for the Advancement of Science concedes that consumers have a right to know what is in their food, it thinks that labeling items would "mislead and falsely

alarm consumers," and has said that "genetically modified foods are fundamentally no different from conventionally bred foods." In fact, the organization says that GMOs are tested more extensively than most new crop varieties.

However, GMOs have not been proven to be safe and foods containing them can possibly be toxic and allergenic.

"This consumption of genetically altered food with the accompanying chemicals and pesticides into the body wreaks havoc on the immune system and a person's health," said Gail Freedman, a licensed acupuncturist and nutritionist in North Hollywood. "The pesticides are put into the seedling to prevent disease," she said.

Among the most commonly modified products are corn, soy and sugar beets.

Roughly 60 countries require such labels, but despite that, 18 states in the United States have previously attempted to pass such laws and failed, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

"Advocates hoped that a strong grass-roots campaign would make California the first state ... to require a 'genetically modified' label on a host of food products from breakfast cereals to tofu," according to the Silicon Valley Mercury News. But that hope was dashed Tuesday when California voters denied the legislation by 55 percent.

## OF PROPOSITIONS, MEASURES

PROPOSITION 34: NO	PROPOSITION 39: YES
PROPOSITION 35: YES	PROPOSITION 40: YES
PROPOSITION 36: YES	MEASURE A: NO
PROPOSITION 37: NO	MEASURE B: YES
PROPOSITION 38: NO	MEASURE J: YES



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## PROP. 38 FAILING PRIMARY SCHOOLS

### The "Munger Proposition" for public education was voted down.

COURTNEY BASSLER  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Proposition 38 was trailing at press time Wednesday morning by a wide 73- to 27-percent margin.

As of midnight, Proposition 38, the State Income Tax Increase to Support Public Education, which is also known as the "Our Children, Our Future: Locals Schools and Early Education Investment Act," was losing.

This proposition would increase state income tax rates, which would have resulted in tax revenue for California of about \$10 billion a year.

Also, according to the Los Angeles Times, "Proposition 38 would raise state income taxes on a sliding scale for 12 years ... [and] for the first years, most of that money would go directly to local schools and early childhood programs. After that, virtually all the money would go to these entities."

The proposition was supported by millionaire civil rights attorney Molly Munger and the Parent Teacher Association, and the Times reported that Munger backed her

support with \$31 million.

"Proposition 38 does something that is very important. It starts to restore funding to our schools," California State PTA President Carol Kocivar said in a www.northridge.patch.com article. "It's time to make schools a priority again. Proposition 38 sends money to directly every single public school to start to restore the programs and services our children need."

According to the Huffington Post, opponents of the proposition have made the argument that even people with low incomes would be burdened by a new tax. Those against Proposition 30 also say that the initiative was not tied to any

accountability for the schools and that public universities would not benefit from this new source of revenue had it passed.

If rejected, Californians will not see their taxes increase, and local schools and preschools would have to rely on the money they already have.

"Though Munger had a well-funded campaign, she lacked the institutional support that Brown's enjoyed, plus her measure faced an up-hill battle trying to convince middle-class voters to raise their own income taxes," according to the Sacramento Bee's blog, the Capitol Alert.



## SHOTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON ELECTION NIGHT



**ELECTION REFLECTIONS** - Obama supporters at the LA County Democratic Party's Election Night Celebration held at Dodger Stadium listen intently as President reelect delivers his victory speech to the nation. MORRIS DE LA ROCA | VALLEY STAR



**Repeat** - The Democratic Party of San Fernando Valley held in Van Nuys celebrated Obama's victory Tuesday with a wave of support and cheers. ANTWONE MERCER | VALLEY STAR



**ELECTION SHOCK** - Spectators react Tuesday at the Republican headquarters in Pasadena the moment FOX News called Ohio for President Barack Obama. RAY BLUMHORST | VALLEY STAR



**STAND BY** - ABC 7 News anchor John North stood outside the Democratic Headquarters in Van Nuys Tuesday night waiting for his cue to go on air. FATIMA JIMENEZ | VALLEY STAR

TEXT BY: ASHLEY GOOSSEN  
STAFF WRITER

Los Angeles residents hit the polls yesterday to cast their votes for the president of the United States, as well as controversial propositions.

According to the Los Angeles Times, 4,674,338 people were registered to vote in yesterday's election—with at least 780,688 people registering online—setting a record for the highest amount of registered voters in the county. However, that is not the only voting shift.

"Voters under 30 now make up the largest age group, accounting for one in five registered," the L.A. Times reported.

Local Obama-Biden supporters came together last night at the Democratic Headquarters in Van Nuys while Romney-Ryan supporters gathered at the Pasadena Republican Headquarters to take part in the Election Day excitement.

If public duty was not enough of an incentive to draw voters to the polls, many Los Angeles eateries offered freebies and discounts to customers donning "I Voted" stickers, including a free hot dog or hamburger at Carney's Hot Dogs Studio City and Hollywood, free fries and onion rings at any of Burger Lounge's West Hollywood and Beverly Hills locations, and 10 percent off at any Johnny Rockets.

Politicos also partook in viewing parties at bars and restaurants around the city that offered drink specials, such as Marina del Rey's Cafe del Rey, which extended its happy hour from 4 p.m. to close with election-themed drinks for \$6; Hollywood's Sadie, where voters munched on free oyster po' boy, ahi tuna tacos and mac 'n' cheese and drank the \$6 Swing State Punch; and Pacific Palisades' Gladstones, which offered a happy hour starting at 3 p.m. that featured \$7 specialty cocktails, \$5 glasses of wine, \$4 beers, \$6 bar bites and \$2 oysters.

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**RESULTS ARE OUT** - Homeless people, bike riders, people walking home gathered in front of the CNN building to see election results after 8 pm when Obama was accounted winner. MAGGIE HASBUN | VALLEY STAR